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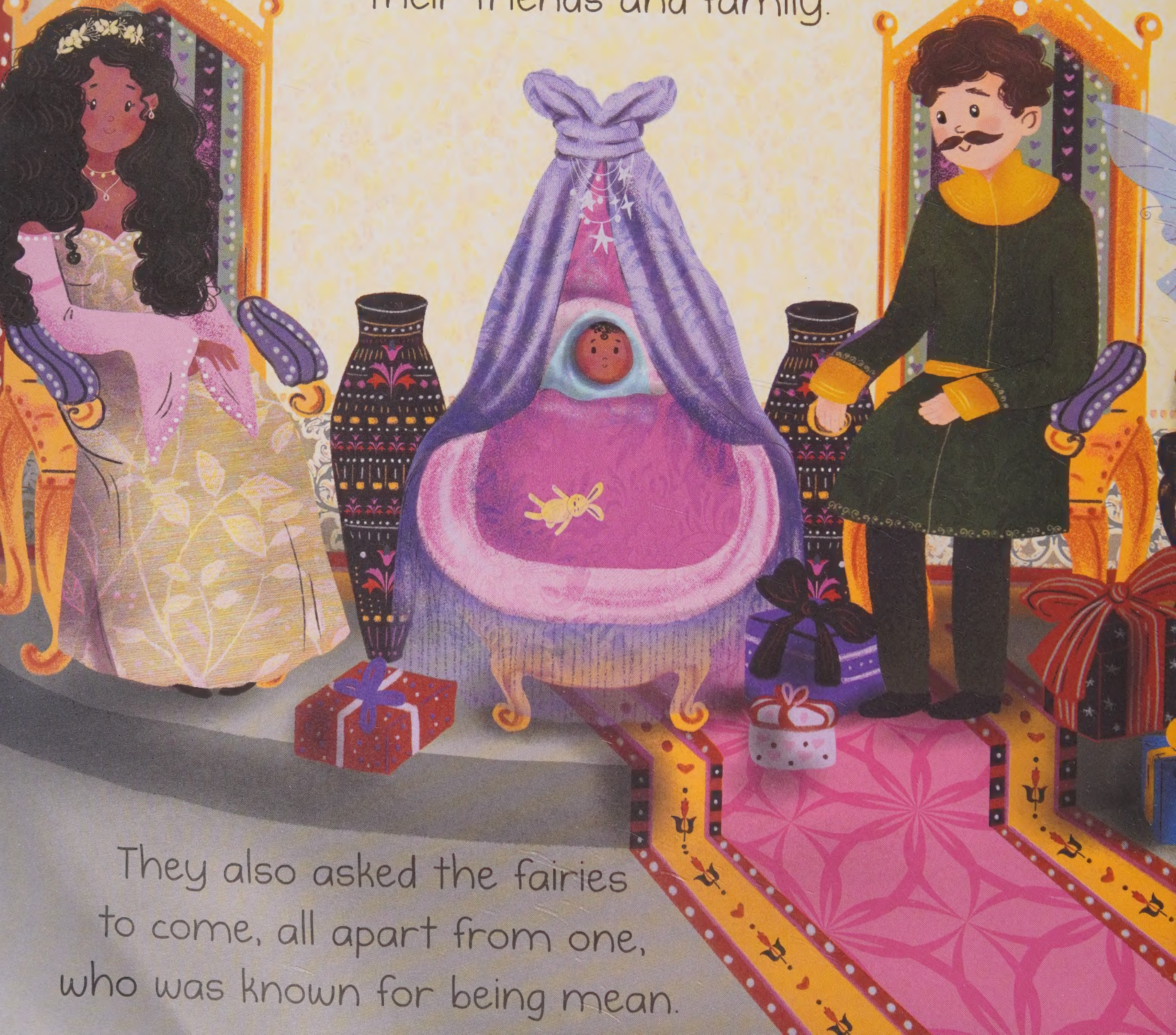


Once upon a time a beautiful baby girl was born to a king and queen. They had wanted a child for a long time, so they were very happy.




The proud king soon began
organizing a birthday celebration
for the little princess.

The king and queen invited all
their friends and family.



They also asked the fairies
to come, all apart from one,
who was known for being mean.



On the big day, guests
arrived, bringing lots of
lovely
gifts.

"Congratulations
your highnesses!"

The fairies lined up to give the
baby princess their gifts.



One by one they came forward, giving
gifts of kindness, courage and cleverness.

The last fairy was just about to
give her gift, when there was a
loud noise in the courtyard.

Crash!



Just then, the mean fairy,
who had not been invited,
burst in angrily and said,

"When the
princess is
sixteen she shall
touch a spindle
and die."





The king and queen gasped in shock.
But then the last fairy stepped
forward. "Wait!" she said.

"I can soften the curse a little," the fairy said. "If the princess touches a spindle, she will not die."



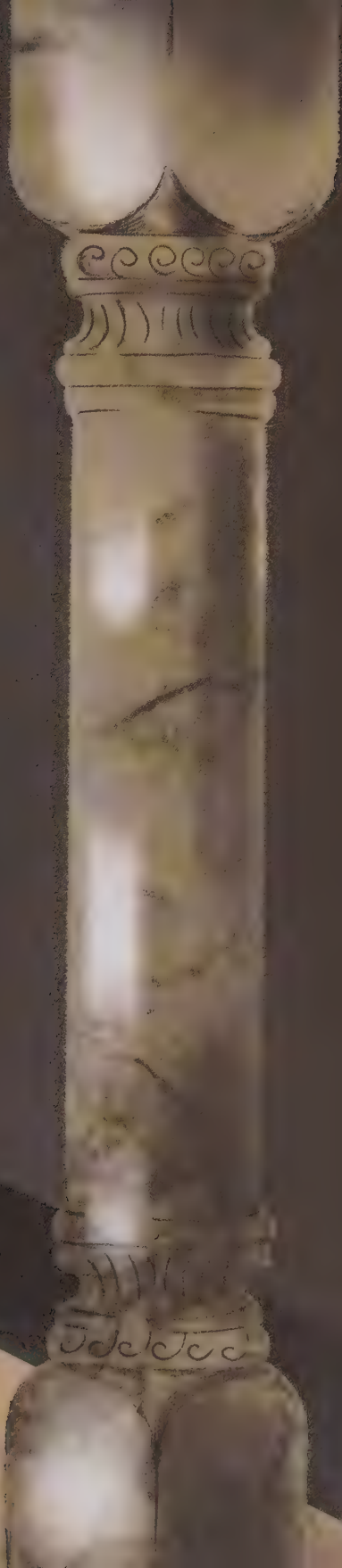
"Instead, she will fall asleep for one hundred years. Only a prince shall be able to wake her with a single kiss."



The king gave an order
for all the spindles in
the land to be destroyed.

The princess
grew up to be a
kind, thoughtful
young lady.





One day, while exploring
the castle, she came
across a door that she
hadn't seen before.



She opened it and found
steps leading up to a
mysterious room.

The princess walked
up the steps into the
room. There she saw a
strange woman, busy
at a strange wheel
with some thread.

"Hello, what are
you doing?"
asked the
princess.



"I'm spinning, my dear," said the woman. The princess walked closer, and as she came to the spindle she reached out to touch it.



Whrrrrrr
whrrrrr!

"Ouch!" The princess
cried out as her finger
touched the spindle. The
wicked fairy, for it was she,
vanished, and the princess
fell into a deep sleep.





At that moment the king and queen fell asleep on their thrones. The horses slept in their stables and the servants slipped into a slumber.



Days, weeks, and then months
went past, and a large hedge of
thorns grew around the palace. Every
year it became thicker, until the
palace was completely hidden.

One hundred years later, a prince
rode by. He saw the tips of a tower
above the thorns. As he neared, the
thorns parted, allowing him through.



The prince eventually arrived
at the palace and saw that
everyone was sleeping.



He wondered why everything
and everyone had been
frozen in time.

He came to the room where the
princess was sleeping. She was so
beautiful that he stooped to kiss her. Then
she opened her eyes and smiled.

It was love at first sight.





Everyone else in the castle also awoke. At last the princess was reunited with her mother and father.

The evil fairy's spell
had been broken!



Sleeping Beauty and the
prince were married, and
lived happily ever after!

"Hip hip
hooray!"



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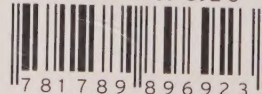
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